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GOV. BESHEAR ANNOUNCES REFUNDS OF \$381,400 TO COAL COUNTIES ***Amount based on mining, acreage fees paid by coal companies***

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 5, 2013) – Governor Steve Beshear announced today that fiscal courts in 35 counties will receive refunds totaling \$381,400 from mining permit and acreage fees. The Department for Natural Resources collects mining permit and acreage fees and returns a portion of the fees to coal-producing counties for projects that the fiscal courts deem beneficial to their communities.

“Our administration is making every effort to assist the mining industry to extract coal in a safe, efficient and legal manner consistent with the surface mining laws and the need to protect our environment,” said Gov. Beshear. “Our coal-producing counties are our partners and these funds provide a direct benefit for their efforts.”

Refunds range from \$25 to \$67,225 with 10 counties each receiving more than \$15,000. The following list includes the counties and refund amounts:

Bell County Fiscal Court	\$27,979.17
Boyd County Fiscal Court	\$750
Breathitt County Fiscal Court	\$19,729.17
Clay County Fiscal Court	\$3,379.17
Daviess County Fiscal Court	\$6,575
Elliott County Fiscal Court	\$500
Floyd County Fiscal Court	\$17,100
Greenup County Fiscal Court	\$125

Harlan County Fiscal Court	\$25,425
Henderson County Fiscal Court	\$737.50
Hopkins County Fiscal Court	\$2,112
Jackson County Fiscal Court	\$25
Johnson County Fiscal Court	\$17,858.33
Knott County Fiscal Court	\$10,520.83
Knox County Fiscal Court	\$6,270.83
Laurel County Fiscal Court	\$1,825
Lawrence County Fiscal Court	\$5,358.33
Leslie County Fiscal Court	\$28,195.83
Letcher County Fiscal Court	\$15,287.50
Magoffin County Fiscal Court	\$13,212.50
Martin County Fiscal Court	\$11,258.33
McCreary County Fiscal Court	\$62.50
McLean County Fiscal Court	\$250
Morgan County Fiscal Court	\$1,350
Muhlenberg County Fiscal Court	\$2,662.50
Ohio County Fiscal Court	\$34,125
Owsley County Fiscal Court	\$575
Perry County Fiscal Court	\$33,279.17
Pike County Fiscal Court	\$67,225
Pulaski County Fiscal Court	\$2,100
Rockcastle County Fiscal Court	\$550
Union County Fiscal Court	\$2,937.50
Webster County Fiscal Court	\$8,275
Whitley County Fiscal Court	\$13,433.33
Wolfe County Fiscal Court	\$350

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